

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 15-21 under §112 for reasons related to the clarity of the claim language. In response, Applicant has amended claims 15-23 to address these concerns. Claims 15-23 now uniformly recite first, second, and third peripheral accessory devices. These amendments do not add new matter, but simply clarify the claim language for the Examiner. In light of the clarifying amendments, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the §112 rejections.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1 and 3 under §102 as being anticipated by Hsin. In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 3 and traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 is directed to a peripheral accessory device for a wireless communication device such as a hands-free headset. The peripheral accessory device comprises an auxiliary system connector integrally formed with the cord that connects the peripheral accessory device to the wireless device. The auxiliary system connector allows a user to connect one or more additional peripheral accessory devices, such as an MP3 player, for example, to the wireless device. As amended, claim 1 now recites a switch on the auxiliary system connector. The switch selectively switches signal paths that extend between the wireless communications device and the peripheral accessory devices to selectively connect them to the wireless communication device. This allows the selective use of multiple peripheral accessory devices even though they may share common signaling paths with the wireless communications device.

Hsin discloses a multipurpose adaptor, but does not disclose that the adaptor includes the claimed switch. The Hsin adaptor allows a user to connect a cellular telephone to a Universal Serial Bus (USB) port on a computer. The adaptor also includes a connector that receives a common dry-cell battery. The adaptor allows the user to employ either the computer or the dry-cell battery to recharge the cellular telephone.

However, Hsin never discloses a switch that selectively switches signal paths extending between the wireless communications device and the peripheral accessory devices to selectively connect them to the wireless communication device as claimed. The only switch disclosed in Hsin permits a user to turn an LED light on and off. The LED is not a peripheral accessory device, and no one skilled in the art would ever consider it to be a peripheral accessory device. Indeed, according to Hsin, the LED is part of the adaptor and simply indicates whether the adaptor is functioning to the user. *Hsin*, col. 2, ll. 21-33.

Moreover, the Hsin switch does not switch between common signal paths extending between the wireless communication device and multiple connected accessory devices. Hsin never discloses that the switch selectively switches between the computer and the dry-cell battery to allow the user to choose the power re-charging source. In fact, Hsin never addresses whether the adaptor can or should receive the dry-cell battery at the same time it connects to the computer. In contrast, Hsin only discloses connecting the adaptor to either the computer or the battery. *E.g.*, *Hsin*, col. 3, ll. 15-18. Because Hsin does not disclose or need the claimed switch, Hsin does not anticipate claim 1 or any of its remaining dependent claims under §102.

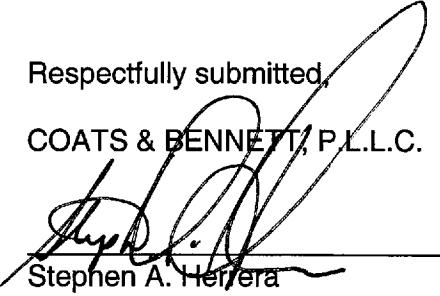
The Examiner also rejected claim 15 as being anticipated by Hsin. However, claim 15 has been amended to recite language similar to that of amended claim 1. Thus, Hsin also fails to anticipate claim 15 or any of its dependent claims.

Finally, Applicant has amended various dependent claims, without adding new matter, to ensure clarity and to ensure proper dependencies. In light of the amendments and their accompanying remarks, Hsin fails to anticipate any of the pending claims. Accordingly,

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and allow all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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